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Happy New Year!

For most of us the Month of December is one of many celebrations and holidays, among them Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. And speaking for myself, I enjoy the festivities and events of the holiday season as well as the reason for the celebrations, but bottom line for we stamp collectors: there are no (are at least very few in this area) stamp events during the month of December. In a way, I guess that's good since there is hardly time to slide in a stamp show or FDC (First Day Cover) event with all else going on. But I'm now ready for January and a new year.

I'm excited about the first stamp issue of the New Year. It's the last in the Chinese New Year series that was started by the United States Postal Service 12 years ago. Last year was the Year of the Monkey when the USPS issued the last single in the series. This year the USPS will issue a 37¢ Chinese New Year Souvenir Sheet featuring all 12 previously issued designs with 37¢ values. This souvenir sheet will complete my United States Chinese New Year topical collection. Completion? That's normally unheard of in stamp collecting! You will find a picture of the Chinese New Year Souvenir Sheet elsewhere in the News.

And one of my other topical collections, United States Christmas Issues is looking good as I continue to add to it. The 2004 Christmas issue with the Santa's is one of my favorite designs.

Finally, let me take some space here to thank Jean Giesler for contributing to my Great Britain Christmas Issue collection. Jean presented me with a complete set of 2004 Great Britain Christmas stamps last month. Jean is a collector of Great Britain and has among other things, a great deep collection of the British Machin series. Thanks Jean.

As this issue of the KPS News is written well before I open my Christmas presents, I can't tell you of any stamp related gifts I received this year but I and you will get a chance to share our holiday stories at the January meeting.

See you at the January 2005 meeting.

Have fun collecting . . . and show someone else the way.

Jim Pettway

KPS Christmas Dinner

What a really good time we all enjoyed at the annual KPS Christmas Dinner at Ramsey's Cafeteria. Twelve members and three guests turned out for our get together this year. The food was excellent, the fellowship with other members was just great, and the gift exchanging was fun. Tom Broadhead passed out gifts to the attendees and as each opened their gift, they told a little story with their gift as the subject. It was fun.

Following the gift exchange, Tom lead in a game of stamp trivia. Everyone enjoyed participating in answering of the questions.

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In closing the party, Bruce Roberts reflected on the past year highlighting the KPS membership in the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, the past KnoxPex and work in progress on KnoxPex 2005, the advancement of the KPS on the Internet, and the KPS Newsletter. Tom Broadhead extended "Thank You's" to Richard Ehrlich for his labor in keeping the KPS finances in order, Jim Pettway for his fine, awarding winning job with the KPS Newsletter, Bruce Roberts for his "get the job done" attitude to fill the vacancy of the KnoxPex 2005 Bourse Chairman, and Gerald Schroedl who accepted to be Chairman of KnoxPex 2005.

Thank you and job very well done to Bruce Roberts for the annual KPS Christmas Dinner. Bruce jumped in at the last minute and pulled this event together and we say, "Thank You".

Pay Your Dues

I mentioned it last month and here I go again, it's time to pay your 2005 KPS membership dues. For your information, the dues that you pay don't even cover the cost of the monthly newsletter but we are able to keep from dues increases by supplementing this cost from our stamp show profits each year. So, it is very important to get your dues in as early as possible. Don't procrastinate. Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a KPS Member Data form for 2005. Please complete this form and mail it with your dues to the Knoxville Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422.

Bring auction material

In October there were only four stamp lots entered into the silent auction. None even got a single bid. In November there were NO lots entered into the silent auction. And then with the Christmas Dinner in December we didn't have an auction. So what can we expect in the stamp auction to start out a new year? Please bring a lot or two to enter into the auction. Single stamps, accumulations of stamps, an old stamp album or stock book, anything philatelic will be good. Let's get the new year off to a good start with a good stamp auction.

Prexy collecting anyone?

Scott Robertson will present the program for us this month. Scott will introduce us to prexy collecting with his program titled "Prexy Collecting - The 1938 Regular Issue." If you've got a question about an issue from this series or have a "Prexy" stamp or cover to show off, bring it on!

**January 2005
U.S. Stamp Issues**

January 7
Happy New Year
12 - 37¢ commemorative



January 27
Marian Anderson
Black Heritage Series
37¢ commemorative



(dates are day stamp goes on sale to the public)

***Regional Stamp
Shows/Bourses***

January 8
Memphis, TN
Winter Hobby Fest
Quality Suites Hotel
I-40 Exit 16
Germantown Rd.
One Day Bourse 9a-6p
Sponsored by
The Stamp Den

February 18-20
Atlanta, GA
APS AmeriStamp Expo
Cobb Galleria Centre

**Knoxville Philatelic
Society Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 4,
2005
7:00 P.M.**

**Tennessee Valley
Unitarian
Universalist Church**

**2931 Kingston Pike
Knoxville**

Try this website

Bruce Roberts has been surfing the Internet lately and found a website which he thought might be of interested to you. Check out this site:

http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/resources/6_resources.html

According to Bruce near the bottom of the page is a link to outside resources, which includes a State Postal History Registry. If you follow this and click on Arkansas you will find Bruce as the national contact. You can view other state offerings here too.

KnoxPex Live Auction

Just a reminder of the KnoxPex 2005 Live Auction. Don't let the February 18th creep up on you. This is the deadline for submitting the KnoxPex 2005 Live Auction form. Included with last month's KPS News was your very own copy of this form. If you have misplaced the form just contact me and I'll get another to you via mail or Internet.

Tom replies to Linn's article

Just in time for our Christmas Dinner last month came a Linn's article criticizing our (KPS) show cards for KnoxPex 2004 - 125th anniversary of the birth of Albert Einstein. It seems that a recipient of one of these cards announcing the show, thought that the depiction on the card was done in poor taste. I don't have room here to reproduce the article nor for our President's reply. I'm sure that Tom's reply will appear in Linn's shortly (It may have run by the time you get this newsletter). Anyone wishing a copy of the article and the response can contact me or see both at the January meeting.

Want a sales table at KnoxPex 2005?

At the Board of Directors meeting in November a suggestion was made and the Board approved the addition of a Member's Sales Table at KnoxPex 2005. The final details are being

worked out and should be a topic for discussion at the regular January meeting. If you are at all interested in knowing more about this then I strongly suggest that you attend the January meeting. This will be a first for KnoxPex.

KnoxPex 2005 Knoxville, Tennessee

March 5 and 6, 2005

Budget Inns of America
Exit I-40 West onto
North Cedar Bluff Road

14 Dealers
Live Auction Saturday Evening
Free Admission
Award Winning Framed Exhibits
Show Cancellation
Show Cachet

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